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Telephone conversation with Nancy:

Carli just got a new job. She is a dental assistant.

I'm just headed up to Park City where Chelsea is racing. Doug had to work at Sundance today so we are going up now to try to catch the end of the races.

Doug had a friend that broke a ski. The company said to give the good ski to the handicap. So Doug is going to see if they have a something that the ski could attach to (toboggan) that DJ could ride in.

We decided we are going to get a typing program for the computer so that Carli, Chelsea and Doug can get better at typing.

Chelsea is getting very good at the violin. She comes home and practices every day without any prompting. She takes lessons twice a week and once a month has a group lesson. She just had a recital and played her piece perfectly. I'm so proud of her!

I have a new church calling. I teach the three year olds, The old Sunbeam age. Some of the material is pretty deep and they can't sit still for a minute but I'm having fun with it.

I paid this lady who is a clinical psychologist to come and evaluate DJ because the school keeps want to test him for IQ again. Last time they tested him they told me he had the IQ of a dog. It just isn't fair because a lot of the questions are visually oriented. I panic when they say test because it's just more negative material in his file. I asked why they wanted to test him and they think he isn't learning as fast as he should. The psychologist said that DJ is very intelligent but just needs communication and is in a rut playing communication or talking and hand games and doesn't focus on his learning. It cost me \$60. She called me a week later and said she's been thinking about DJ and felt there was a need for him to be helped in some way. She volunteered to come over weekly and work with him for free every week. She's doing kinesiology exercises with him that help both sides of the brain work together so that he can use both sides of his brain better. It seems to be helping him. The teachers are saying he has long term memory problems. This morning he heard a voice on the TV that reminded him of Buck who did physical therapy with him four years ago. There is nothing wrong with his brain and it ticks me off when his teachers start saying he can't learn. I've asked my ward for help--have young men or young women come over once a week for half an hour to help DJ with learning skills but they haven't responded. I decided I am going to ask cousins to volunteer 1/2 hour a week to come and be with DJ.

February 18, 1995 Telephone conversation with Mom

We had a luncheon with all the girls (Sherlene, Laura, Liz, Karen, Nancy, Betsy and myself) and it was great. We decided to try to get Nancy's ward building for the reunion. We are going to put everyone from out of town in the local homes. We will have Thanksgiving dinner at the church. Liz is going to arrange for some music and Marty is going to plan some games.

Dad is applying for some patten. Dad often gets samples in the mail of plantings, so we are planting some tomatoes and some caraway that we received.

Virginia's youngest children Roland and Christian worked and saved some money to buy me a paper white narcissus and it has bloomed. I took some photos and I'm sending them a picture

We've had 2 snow storms. But now it is all melted. We are both taking a family history class. I'm working on a time line.

Laura's welcome home is tomorrow. She looks great!

Carli is going to be trained as a dental assistant. They are training her on the spot. She really likes the people she is working with.

Telephone conversation with Sherlene:

I just sent out some copies of photos of Laura's mission to those of you who can't come to her welcome home.

Laura's boyfriend came down for 3 days from Idaho. He's giving her the rush but she is not swayed. Our kitchen is full of flowers. She looks beautiful. She is really thin because of the parasites and came home with medication for that. She's entering the block the first week of March. She taking horseback riding. The BYU is trying to phase out the block program so they don't offer very many classes. She has a lot of girlfriends that still aren't married and so she's having ball. They are here at the house all the time. She loved her mission. I see no change-- she's kind of glided in and glided out of her mission and is adjusting beautifully. She's so happy that she went!! She and Daniel are always speaking Spanish and we can't understand them.

I'm teaching and really enjoying it. I've applied for graduate school. It is really competitive so remember me in your prayers.

Daniel is going to school and studying hard. His girl friend is in Israel on semester abroad in an intensive Arabic program. He has a double major in English and Near East studies. He studies Hebrew and Arabic all day. He wantsto do graduate work at the American University in Cairo.